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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/245,025; Filed: February 5, 1999
For: Compositions and Methods for Reverse Transcription of Nucleic Acid
Molecules
Inventors: Gerard *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4330003/RWE/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate);
2. One sheet of Form PTO-1449 citing one document;
3. A copy of the cited document;
4. Letter to PTO Draftsman: Submission of Formal Drawings;
5. 53 sheets of formal drawings with Figures 1-6, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13-22, 23A, 23B, 24, 25A, 25B, 26-38, 39A/B/C/D, 40, 41, 42A/B, and 43-54; and



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6. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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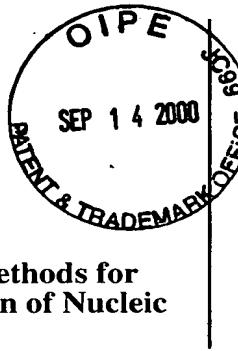
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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of a document known to Applicants in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of the document is also included herewith.

The numbering on this Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is a continuation of the numbering in Applicants' Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed **August 17, 2000**, in connection with the above-captioned application.

Where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

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This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will consider information that had been cited or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application relied on under 35 U.S.C. § 120. 1138 OG 37, 38 (May 19, 1992).

This Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and to indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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